Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawing sheets attached in connection with the above-identified application containing Figures 4 and 6 are being presented as new formal drawing sheets to be substituted for the original drawing sheets.

The specific changes which have been made to Figures 4 and 6 the addition of the text "Image Similarity" beneath Box 122 (Image Similarity Calculation Means).

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, paragraphs have been amended on pages 9, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79 and 81.

Claims 19, 20, 23, 24 and 39 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 18, 21, 22, 25-32, 37, 38 and 40-50 are currently being amended.

Claims 67-79 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Respectfully submitted,

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